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**ABSTRACT**

The present invention is based on a novel method for encapsulating in liposomes substantially water immiscible carotenoids. Therefore, there are provided  
5 by the present invention formulations comprising liposomes loaded with an amount of at least one water immiscible carotenoid, pharmaceutical compositions comprising such a formulation, and a method for preparing the liposomes loaded with said carotenoid.